APS JUSTIFICATION

Policy Title: Uniform Grading Policy
APSI Number: 1025  APS Functional Area: ACADEMIC/RESEARCH

Date Submitted: April 8, 2021
Proposed Action: Revision
Brief Description: This APS outlines the University of Colorado’s uniform grading policy.
Desired Effective Date: June 1, 2022
Responsible University Officer: Vice President for Academic Affairs
Responsible Office: Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs
Policy Contact: Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs
Last Reviewed/Updated: July 1, 2014
Applies to: All campuses

Reason for Policy: This APS outlines the University of Colorado’s uniform grading policy.

I. REASON FOR PROPOSED ACTION

In Spring 2020, P+ was enacted as part of a COVID-related emergency response and to comply with a new Colorado Department of Higher Education requirement that any P grades awarded must represent a grade of C- or higher. Capturing D grades in the student option P/F is important for financial aid purposes, and for various other reasons, there is support on the campuses for maintaining P+/P/F for the student option P/F for letter-graded courses. A Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) grading basis has been added to this policy to address non-letter graded courses previously graded as P/F (e.g., experiential, field-based courses). Other minor wording updates are also addressed in this revision.

II. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT IN THE POLICY REVIEW

The Vice President of Academic Affairs discussed needed updates with the campus Faculty Assemblies. Feedback was gathered from the campus Registrars, the Educational Policy and University Standards Committee, and the Provosts.

III. LEGAL REVIEW

A. Do you think legal review would be required for these proposed changes? No
   1. If no, please explain.
   2. If yes, what is your plan to get the legal review?
B. Date legal review completed:
C. Person completing legal review:

IV. FISCAL REVIEW

Are there any financial (human resources, technology, operations, training, etc.) or other resource impacts of implementing this policy (e.g., cost savings, start-up costs, additional time for faculty or staff, new systems, or software)? No. If yes, please explain: